continue the work of investigating and conducting experiments on the minor forest produce in their respective Divisions and report the results periodically. No experiments worthy of mention are reported to have been made by them.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അവസാനമായ റിപ്പോർട്ട് സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ഏജാലിക്കാ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്ന് എതു രൂപാ ചിലവായിട്ടുണ്ട് ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why no experiments worth mentioning were performed by the Forest Division Officers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Apparently they had not the time to do it along with their other duties.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government ascertained the reasons for their not conducting these experiments?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Not specially. They reported that they could not do it along with their work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government ascertained in general the reasons for it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The reason is that they could not find the time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government cared to appoint a person with sufficient time to conduct the experiments with regard to the minor forest produce?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No officer has been appointed specially for this work since then.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government considered that question?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government consider this question as an important one?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): On a point of order, Sir. Is an expression of opinion allowed in a question?

PRESIDENT: No.

The Chengannur (Moozhikal) Illimala canal.

133. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai.]

(*a*) the years for which budget allotments were made for widening and improving the Chengannur (Moozhikal) Illimala canal and the amount allotted in each year ;

(*b*) the amount spent in each of such years ;

(*c*) if the whole or any part of the allotment had not been spent in any year, the reasons for the same ; and

(*d*) if the work had been provided for in one year but neither completed nor begun in that year and was unprovided for in the subsequent year, the reasons for the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) to (*d*) No provision has been made for this work in any of the budgets till now.

Tariff value and market price of cocoanut.

134. ❋**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the tariff value of cocoanuts for the levy of duty, and the average market value of cocoanuts, during the last three months (Karkatakam 1108 and Chingom and Kanni 1109) at Alleppey ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Bh. Rs. 48 per thousand. The average market value of cocoanuts at Alleppey during the three months, Karkatakam 1108, and Chingom and Kanni 1109 is reported to have varied from Rs. 17 to Rs. 20 per thousand.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether this disparity between the market price and the tariff value has been noticed by the Government ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether any attempt has been made to bring down the tariff value to the market value ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : How long has it been under the consideration of Government ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : For some time past.

Tariff value of cocoanut products.

135. ❋**MR. M. N. NAIR** (*Kottayam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the tariff value each of one candy (6 cwts) of copra and oil fixed by the Government for the purpose of levying export duty on them ;

(*b*) what is the average market price of copra and cocoanut oil for the year 1108 ; and

(*c*) the method adopted by Government in fixing the tariff values of articles like copra and cocoanut oil ?

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